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1. "KOREA HERALD" OF JUNE 16 CARRIES BRIEF FRONT PAGE ITEM HEADLINED "PEKING CUTS ECONOMIC TIES WITH ALBANIA". ARTICLE READS:

"TAIPEI (HAPDONG) - MAINLAND CHINA HAS COMPLETELY CUT OFF ITS ECONOMIC AID AND TECHNO-LOGICAL ASSISTANCE TO ALBANIA AND STARTED WITH-DRAWING ITS AGRICULTURAL EXPERTS STATIONED IN THE BALKAN COUNTRY, INFORMED OBSERVERS HERE ON MAINLAND AFFAIRS SAID WEDNESDAY.

"THE OBSERVERS INDICATED THAT THE PEKING'S CONFIDENTIAL

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MOVES CAME FOLLOWING ALBANIA'S UNILATERAL RECALLING OF ITS AMBASSADOR FROM CHINA EARLY THIS YEAR, WHICH APPARENTLY ENRAGED CHINESE LEADERS.

"THE RELATIONS BETWEEN PEKING AND THE STALINISTIC TIRANA REGIME HAVE CONSIDERABLY COOLED OFF SINCE HUA KUO-FENG TOOK OVER POWER AFTER THE DEATH OF THE LATE CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG, SAID THE OBSERVERS."

2. ON JUNE 24, US MISOFF ASKED YUGOSLAV COUNSELOR RAMADAN MARMULAKU (AN ALBANIAN) WHAT CREDENCE TO GIVE REPORT. HIS REPLY: "IT COULD BE TRUE". YOUNG

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